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SUBJECT: ARRANGEMENTS FOR LONDON MIDDLE EAST TALKS

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1. IN ABSENCE FONMIN KAMEL AND AHMED MAHER, THERE IS PREDICTABLE CONFUSION AT MFA OVER ARRANGEMENTS FOR LONDON MEETING. MAHER'S ASSISTANT, GHONEIM, CALLED POLCOUNS JULY 11 TO ASK IF ANY ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR EGYPTIAN ADVANCE TEAM. THIS WAS FIRST THAT WE HAD HEARD OF ANY EGYPTIAN INTENTION TO SEND ADVANCE TEAM. ACCORDING GHONEIM, ADVANCE TEAM WOULD LIKE TO DEPART JULY 12 IN ORDER TO INSTALL DIRECT PHONE TO CAIRO AND MAKE OTHER COMMUNICATIONS AND SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS. AS OF 1400 TODAY, HE WAS NOT SURE THEY WILL ACTUALLY DEPART TOMORROW, NOTING THIS WILL DEPEND UPON AVAILABILITY HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS. HE PROFESSED NOT TO KNOW NAMES AND IDENTITIES OF ADVANCE TEAM MEMBERS, BUT IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION MFA SECURITY OFFICIAL TELLS US TWELVE PEOPLE MAY BE INVOLVED.

2. POLCOUNS TOLD GHONEIM THAT 20 ROOMS ARE BEING HELD AT CHURCHILL HOTEL FOR NIGHTS JULY 17-19, BUT THAT

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KAMEL HAD EARLIER INDICATED GOE MIGHT NOT NEED THAT MANY ROOMS. WE ARE STILL AWAITING WORD FROM KAMEL ON EXACTLY HOW MANY ROOMS NEEDED FOR EGYPTIAN DEL. NOTHING HAD BEEN SAID TO US BY KAMEL ABOUT ADVANCE TEAM AND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR TEAM WILL HAVE TO BE ARRANGED BY EGYPTIANS THEMSELVES. POLCOUNS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, EGYPTIAN EMBASSY LONDON ESTABLISH

IMMEDIATE CONTACT WITH U.S. EMBASSY LONDON TO COORDINATE
NUMBER AND DATES ROOMS REQUIRED AND ANY OTHER RELATED
MATTERS. EILTS

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